

Local Indoor Swimming Season Starts This Week

Women to Hold Carnival in Brighton Beach Pool—College Meets

The local indoor swimming season will open this week. High school teams of Manhattan and Brooklyn are scheduled to engage in the first round of the annual championship tournament of the Public Schools Athletic League, and on Saturday the newly organized Women's Swimming Association will hold its initial water carnival for mermaids in the pool of the Brighton Beach Bath.

Prospects for a successful season are excellent. The action of the Intercollegiate Swimming Association in voting in favor of the usual 'varsity' programme will bring to this city many interesting college meets, and it is also probable that the association's individual title events will be decided in the swimming events featured. These young lads have been developing rapidly under the guidance of Tom Clemens, coach at the Y. M. C. A., and seem ready to take their place among the star watermen.

The Detroit A. C. conducted last week its yearly fall aquatic gala meet, and the Nixon brothers had little difficulty in taking first and second in the swimming events featured. These young lads have been developing rapidly under the guidance of Tom Clemens, coach at the Y. M. C. A., and seem ready to take their place among the star watermen.

The 220 and 500 yard championship swims of Southern California were decided a few days ago and proved easy victories for Jerry Witt, the seventeen-year-old Los Angeles A. C. midget, who did 2 minutes 32 seconds and 6 minutes 40 seconds, respectively, winning as he pleased.

The recently recruited swimming team of the Duluth (Minn.) Boat Club furnished a surprise at its first try-out by taking the measure of the two Harbors A. C. men 45 points to 5.

Although the conference colleges do not hold their important aquatic fixtures until February, captains and coaches have already canvassed for candidates and started them at work, confident that the customary title events will be run off. Illinois University is the first to report on available material and seems to have the best of a strong, well-balanced team. There are in line for the fancy divers, Johns and Grey; the plungers, Linsen and Vial; the free-style swimmers, Waldo, Dawley, Ross, Grey, Andrews, Gould and Orr; the backstroke, Faircloth and Liable; and the breaststrokers, Green, Motter and Falkenberg.

Miss Dorothy Burns, of Los Angeles, holder of the world's 50 and 100 yard swimming records for women, has moved to San Francisco, where her father is now engaged in business, and there is promise of some great racing this winter between her and Miss Frances Cowells, of the Neptune Beach Swimming Club, who has retained for several years undisputed leadership in the Golden Gate City.

The 1st Regiment Pool Swimming Club, of Philadelphia, has started its competing mermaids at practice and is running a point contest to encourage them. John Stevens, the coach, expects to win in the field a few bidders for title honors.

Plans are nearly complete for the formation of a Women's Christian Association swimming league, which will include branches in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, Lancaster and Wilkes-Barre.

Half a hundred girls of the Allegheny High School, of Pittsburgh, have organized as a swimming club and will hold their first meet in the pool of the Twain School.

The recently formed Winter Swimming Club, of Brighton Beach, has applied for membership in the Amateur Athletic Union, in order to be able to conduct sanctioned meets. The winter pool of the Brighton Bath will be used.

Harvard Coaches Now Free Agents

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 3.—Two Harvard coaches are free agents. William Haines, the coach of the crew, whose contract ran out last June, has not been asked to renew it. Hugh Duffy, who signed up as coach of the rowing team last spring, has practically fulfilled his contract without seeing his team put through their paces, because of the war.

Haines has worked six weeks this fall as much per week. In a fortnight fall rowing will be abandoned at Harvard, and there will be little or no need of keeping the high-priced Haines on the payroll. The Harvard rowing authorities may keep the English professional with them over the winter to provide further instruction for the freshman eight which is to take the water against Yale '21 in the spring, but this is doubtful.

There are several coaches working around the Harvard boathouse who could assist the first-year men on the rowing machines if they work indoors during the winter. With the war still looming strongly on the horizon and with no prospects of a 'varsity' crew, Haines may become a free agent indefinitely—that is, as far as Harvard is concerned.

The same situation holds good for Hugh Duffy, but it is likely that the old leaguer will be secured to handle the freshman team if the 'varsity' is not to be organized, and it will not be if the war continues.

Reds and Cubs Played Unique Game of Season

Perhaps a more remarkable extra inning game was never played than that between the Reds and the Cubs at Cincinnati, on August 31. Going into the ninth the score was 4 to 4. The Cubs scored a run. The Reds came back with one in their half. In the tenth the Cubs scored another. The Reds came back and tied it.

In the eleventh the Cubs scored two, and then what did the Reds do but score two in their half. The umpires, despairing of the tie ever being broken, called the game on account of darkness.

Football Star in Navy

Chris Schlechter, former 'varsity' football star at Syracuse University and chosen by Walter Camp to fill the position of guard on the all-American team, has joined the military service of the United States. He has been accepted at Newport in the Naval Reserve.

Claire Galligan

National swimming champion, who has returned from victories on the Pacific Coast and will compete here during the indoor season.



Rutgers Prep Defeats Hamilton

Rutgers Prep won a hard fought game from the Hamilton Institute eleven in their annual football game played at Central Park yesterday, by a score of 3 to 0. The only score came in the final period, when Howell, of Rutgers, drop-kicked a field goal from the 20-yard line.

Cochran May Reach Top In World of Billiards

Young Western Player Only Logical Contender for Hoppe's Crown

A very young man with a very boyish face but possessing remarkable skill is reviving hope among the billiard fans for a resumption of championship contests this winter.

This young man is Welker Cochran, the brilliant young Western player. Cochran used to be known as the boy wonder when he was touring the country with Firmin Cassagnol, the French champion, but he has outgrown that sobriquet now as he has become of voting age.

Cochran has been giving exhibitions recently at Maurice Daly's in preparation for a match with Lennon Howison next week, and he has shown such remarkable improvement over his play of a year or two ago that billiard men are seriously advancing him now as a suitable opponent for Willie Hoppe.

In fact, he is the only hope of the bachelors. If Hoppe is to defend his title again before he gets too old to handle a cue it seems to be up to Cochran to furnish the opposition. He is the only player on the billiard horizon who figures to have a chance with the champion.

The same stagnation that exists in the heavyweight division of boxing has come over billiard billiards. Each of these branches of sport has developed a champion who so far outclasses his field that he has no one left to give him a contest. Hoppe has been forced into involuntary retirement. The old-timers like Sutton, Slosson, Cutler and Mayer have taken the count from him so often they have given up hope of beating him.

Cochran is now in much the same position as was Calvin Demarest a few years ago. Demarest was regarded as a probable successor to Hoppe. He was a brilliant player. At times he equaled Hoppe at his best, but he was inconsistent. He was so erratic that he frequently spoiled his best efforts with almost amateurish play.

Cochran, on the other hand, is steady and has constantly improved. He has mastered close play, which was the weakness he showed a year or more ago. There is no cup to be played for, but this will be forthcoming soon.

As soon as he has played his match with Howison arrangements will be made to challenge Hoppe. At present there is no cup to be played for, but this will be forthcoming soon.

Cochran, who is now twenty-one years old, was born in Manson, Iowa, not far from the home of Frank Gotch, and grew up to be a great friend of the wrestling champion. He started to play billiards when he was fourteen and has been a professional for four years. There is no indication that Cochran, like Hoppe, was a born billiard player or had been gifted, as is said of Hoppe, by a pre-natal influence.

He started to play when his parents sent him to Chicago to school. According to Cochran, his schooling suffered greatly at the expense of billiards during his stay there, but he developed rapidly that Firmin Cassagnol took him in tow for a tour of the country and taught him much that he knows of the game.

THE SPORT LIGHT

Comrades

In every home in England you will find their wistful faces.

Where, weary of adventure, lying lonely by the fire, Untempted by the sunlight and the call of open spaces They are listening, listening, listening for the step of their desire.

And, watching, we remember all the tried and never failing:

The good ones and the game ones that have run the years at heel;

Old Swamp, that killed the badger single-handed by the railing,

And Fan, the champion ratter, with her fifty off the reel.

The bitches under Ranksboro' with hackles up for slaughter,

The other hounds on Irton as they part the alder bowers,

The tuffers drawing to their stag above the Horner Water,

The setters on Ben Lomond when the purple heather flowers.

The collie climbing Cheviot to head his hill sheep stringing,

The Dandie digging to his fox among the Lakeside scars,

The Clumber in the marshes when the evening flight is winging,

And the wild geese coming over through the rose light and the stars.

And my heart goes out in pity to each faithful one that's fretting,

Day by day in cot or castle, with his dim eyes on the door.

In his dreams he hunts with sorrow. And for us there no forgetting

That he helped our love of England, and he hardened us for war.

—W. H. O., in "Punch."

Remembering the Alamo

"Remember the Alamo" used to be a slogan of revenge. It could also be used even now as a tradition for battle. It is one of the answers that America gave the world when an American force was overpowered from 15 to 20 to 1.

There was no surrender here—and no disorderly rout. The answer still stands: "Thermopylae had three messengers of defeat; the Alamo had none."

Not Always

"Base hits in baseball," comments an exchange, "are the leading details upon offense. They are the run getters and the game winners."

But are they? In the American League last season the Athletics ran up 1,291 base hits.

They made more base hits than the White Sox, the Red Sox or the Cleveland Indians, who finished 1-2-3.

The White Sox made only 1,283 hits, the Red Sox 1,241

and the Indians 1,235. Yet those clubs set the pace, while the Athletics finished last.

The only club that made more hits than the Athletics were the Tigers, and they finished fifth.

Hits, apparently, are not everything in an offense.

Which recalls the fact that the Reds last season made more hits than any major league team from either circuit. But the Reds didn't score the most runs or win the most games.

What value should be attached to runs? Well, the Athletics scored more runs than five clubs which beat them out. They scored a good many more runs than the Red Sox or Indians.

In football a strong offense may prove a good defense. But in baseball a weak defense may wipe out a stout offense on any given afternoon or through any given season.

The Fun of It?

"Don't forget," writes a representative from one of the smaller colleges, "that it was no fun for us to carry on a football team this year. All our veterans are gone. We have to put in most of our spare time in drilling and other military work. And we know in our football games it is merely a question as to whether we get beat 20 to 0 or 40 to 0. We simply went through with it because the government asked every one to do so. In my opinion, it is institutions of this type, and there are many of them, who deserve more credit than any winning team does."

Seven hundred thousand men and boys, taken in large part from indoor jobs and put out in the open under boxing instructors and football instructors—that's one good side of war if it hasn't another.

The Winners

Those who hold their heads on high,
Those who look with fearless eye,
Those who do not fear to die,
These are men no might can drop;
Those who look beyond the night,
Those who see in dawn's gray light
One more day in which to fight,
These are men no death can stop.

"Are Ty Cobb and Eddie Collins eligible for the draft?"—L. L. H. In the records we have Cobb won't be thirty-one years old until December, while Collins won't be thirty-one until next May. This seems to leave them on the eligible list. Walter Johnson won't be thirty years old until Tuesday, so he, too, is in line.

By the time the full draft is absorbed there will be a terrific inroad on ball playing talent, as the bulk of those engaged are under thirty—the prevailing age resting between twenty-four and twenty-nine.

In the span from John Lawrence Sullivan to Jess Willard, Fitzsimmons is the only heavyweight who has passed on. The others who have ruled the game for the last thirty years are still in first-class shape.

W. L. J.—R. D. Sears and W. A. Larned both won the National Tennis championship seven years—Sears for seven years in succession. Larned's first rush was stopped by H. L. Doherty in 1903. He resumed again in 1907 for another five-year spin.

Dr. W. B. Short Shining Light In Trap Shoot

Thirty-three devoted followers of the clay target sport gathered at Travers Island yesterday, where four hand-picked matches and a special were disposed of. In the grand total for the four events the high gun honor fell to Dr. W. B. Short, who shattered 96 clays out of 100. Along with that he captured the leg on the club cup by cracking out 25, aided by a handicap of 10.

During the day only three straight sets of twenty-five were tallied, and two of these fell to W. B. Short, who shot from the mark of two and earned the title of high gun in the Travers Island cup and the accumulation cup. The other straight went to the credit of Ralph L. Spotts, the national amateur champion of the United States two years ago. He was the actual scratch man of the day, and for the Haslin Cup he succeeded in letting the light through a straight 25.

In the special event C. Stein was high gun, with a full 25. He seemed to have a keener eye in the waning light than any of his opponents, and under the conditions it was a fine piece of shooting.

A gunner to show great improvement was Dan Bradley, and he is sure to be heard from with advantage later in the season. Dan has the honor of being the only American to score in the big trap shooters' tourney at Monte Carlo.

The summaries:

TRAVIS ISLAND CUP—HANDICAP—25 TARGETS.

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CLUB CUP—HANDICAP—25 TARGETS.

W. B. Short (25), 25; W. B. Short (25), 25; Dan L. Bradley (25), 25; R. L. Spotts (25), 25; W. B. Short (25), 25; Dan L. Bradley (25), 25; R. L. Spotts (25), 25; W. B. Short (25), 25; Dan L. Bradley (25), 25; R. L. Spotts (25), 25.

ACCUMULATION CUP—HANDICAP—25 TARGETS.

W. B. Short (25), 25; R. L. Spotts (25), 25; Dan L. Bradley (25), 25; W. B. Short (25), 25; R. L. Spotts (25), 25; Dan L. Bradley (25), 25; W. B. Short (25), 25; R. L. Spotts (25), 25; Dan L. Bradley (25), 25; W. B. Short (25), 25.

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A. A. U. Planning Changes In Its Swimming Rules

Charles Hubbell

This Brooklyn boy was recently elected captain of the Colgate University football team. He is one of the eleven's stars.



Cornell Coach Getting Ready for Basketball

ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 3.—Coach Al Sharpe will start Cornell basketball earlier this season than ever before. The first call for candidates will go out within a few days, and active court practice for the Red and White players will start by the last of this week.

Sharpe has three of last year's regulars on hand as a basis for this year's five. Stewart, a forward, and Allen and Kendall, guards, the first and last named having been members of the first team last season, are still in college.

Captain Howard Ortnier, individual leader of the Intercollegiate Basketball League last winter, is in the service of Uncle Sam.

Sweet a Nice Punter

Sweet, last year's fullback on the Lawrenceville eleven and now occupying the same position on the Princeton freshman team, is developing into a punter reminiscent of Eddie Driggs. Although the youthful kicker does not yet gain as much distance with his boots, his placement is remarkably good.

Kyronen Wins Ten-Mile National A. A. Title

Villar Kyronen

Victor of the national ten-mile run, held at Macomb's Dam Park yesterday, his first track title in four years.



Faculty to Decide on Game

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—A vote of the entire faculty of the University of Chicago will be taken next week, it is said, to determine finally whether the proposed postponed football game between Chicago and Michigan will be played at Stagg Field December 1.

The advancement of swimming in this country, especially among women, will be emphasized more than ever when the delegates of the various associations of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States meet in St. Louis on November 19 in annual session. Of the sixteen amendments proposed by the legislation committee, of which Justice Bartow S. Weeks is chairman, the majority cover swimming.

Control of swimming among women by the A. A. U., after several years of futile effort, was finally recognized in 1914, although championship competitions were not favored. The women objected to this stand, but it took them two years to win their point, with the sanctioning of title races among themselves at the 1916 convolve.

During the last year records have been smashed with consistency by the mermaids, showing their rapid improvement in the sport. Most of the recommendations for the females have been sponsored by Otto Waile, handicapper of the local district, and probably the greatest authority on swimming in the United States.

The most important change advocated is the permitting of a chaperon to accompany a girl swimmer under twenty-one years of age to cities where she has been invited to compete. The present rule does not permit an allowance for a companion. Another change proposed in the interests of the women is that the diving boards should not be less than 20 feet or more than 22 feet in height. The permitting of championship races in open-air pools, containing salt water, is also advocated.

Under the present wording of the rule, title races can only be decided in still, open water or in tidal waters at high tide. The change is urged by the Pacific Coast officials.

Little opposition is expected to develop when the representatives of the Metropolitan Association suggest that soldiers be permitted to compete among themselves without registration in the districts in which they live during the period of the war. The amendment also covers the competition side by side of soldiers who are classified as amateurs and professionals, without resultant disqualification.

Other amendments submitted provide for the re-drawing of all contestants after each round in wrestling and boxing bouts; the charges of only \$5 for the staging of a road run, where no revenue is derived, other than from entry fees; immediate approval of the application of an athlete for a change of registration without waiting for official notice from the registration committee, and the striking out of the rule that allows a runner to be eligible for the national "cross country" junior title competition after he has won such a championship at a distance under two miles.

Fielder Jones Says He Will Not Quit Browns

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 3.—Fielder Jones will not leave the St. Louis Americans, he declared today.

"We have had a hard year, it is true," he said, "and I'm going back to build up a winning team. I'm going to stick with the boys through thick and thin. This stuff that I have deserted St. Louis is all wrong."

Jones will spend the winter here.

Butts Elected Manager

Lucius M. Butts has been elected manager of the Princeton Track Association by the executive committee of the Board of Athletic Control. He was selected as Princeton's representative on the I. C. A. A. A.

Indians Win Two Games

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 3.—The Cleveland Americans today won two games from teams of the Ohio National Guard division training here. The big leaguers defeated a nine from the ammunition train, 11 to 7, and then won from a hospital corps team, 4 to 2.

Ohio Wesleyan Wins

DELAWARE, Ohio, Nov. 3.—Cincinnati University's football eleven was defeated, 49 to 0, here today by Ohio Wesleyan. Fullback Fred J. Wesleyan sustained a broken collar bone. Three touchdowns were made on forward passes.

Nov. 4th to 10th

A gift from home to the man who is playing the game over there is his greatest joy—to arrive in time for Xmas it must be sent within the next ten days sure

Pores Finishes Second to Finnish Runner; Plant First in Walk

By A. C. Cavagnaro

After four years of untiring effort, Villar Kyronen, the little Finnish runner, finally crowned himself ten-mile national amateur champion in the annual competition held under the auspices of the Morningside Athletic Club at Macomb's Dam Park, The Bronx, yesterday. However, the coveted honor did not materialize until after a bitter test of speed with Charles Pores, a clubmate. Kyronen outstayed his rival in the final sprint, winning by eight yards.

While the running race was keenly contested, the seven-mile national walk, which preceded it, proved a walk-over for William Plant, of the Long Island Athletic Club. Plant was away in front, and was never headed. His time—53:04 2-5—is the best ever accomplished by an American pedestrian for the distance. Dick Remer held the previous figures of 53:39 2-5, which he established last year.

Kolehmainen Holds Record

When Kyronen sprinted over the finishing line the title remained in Finnish hands, as Hannes Kolehmainen, the four-time holder of the title, who did not compete, is also a Finn. "Koly" holds the record for the race of 51:03 2-5 made in 1913. Kyronen's time was 53:41.

Shortly after the start Kyronen, Pores and Otto Laakso, another Finnish runner of the Kaleva Athletic Club, a protégé of Kolehmainen, drew away from the other six competitors. The pace was a fast one, and with the passing of each mile point the three ran closely bunched, waiting for the crucial test of speed. Kyronen, as a rule, cleverly waited behind and permitted his rivals to show the way.

However, Laakso, after moving to the front at the six-and-a-half-mile mark, surprised the spectators when he began to weaken and drop back nearing the eighth mile. The race for the title then became a duel between the two Finnish representatives.

Sprinted Last Two Laps

The real struggle for the high honors came in the last two laps of 440 yards each.

Kyronen sprinted forward as if he was in a short distance event, with Pores holding on tenaciously. In the final lap Pores was still within the shadow of his opponent, and, while the latter had no intention of passing him. However, Kyronen was not to be outdone, and maintained his place to the end.